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Hearing Loss Support Group Created

First meeting Thursday, May 8, at NCDHH Scottsbluff Office

SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb. — Helen Keller once said, "Blindness cuts us off from things, but deafness cuts us off from people." To counter the social isolation that can accompany a loss of hearing, a local support group for people who are hard of hearing has been initiated in Scottsbluff.

The first support group meeting will be held Thursday, May 8, at the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing office, which is located at 4500 Ave. I in Scottsbluff. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m., and subsequent support group meetings will be held on the second Thursday of every month.

The topic for the first meeting is "coping skills for your hearing loss." Each meeting of the support group will address a specific topic so that members can share what they know or have experienced in regards to the meeting's subject matter.

Anyone interested in learning more about hearing loss is welcome to attend the support group meetings. Those who would like more information about the group may contact NCDHH Field Representative Nancy Marsh at (308) 633-1207 or scottsbluff.office@ncdhh.ne.gov.

The NCDHH is a state agency providing education, referral information and technical devices to aid hearing and communication between residents, businesses and organizations. More information regarding the NCDHH can be obtained at www.ncdhh.ne.gov.

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